

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-13 are presented as below. Claim 9 has been amended in this paper. Additions to the claims are underlined while deletions are in strikethrough format.

Claims 1-13 are now presented as follows.

1.-8. Withdrawn by previous cancellations.

9. (Currently Amended). A lawnmower blade assembly comprising:  
a shaft configured to be in rotatable communication with a motor;  
a stub in communication with said shaft;  
a blade; and  
a receiver coupled to said blade, said receiver including a receiving portion and at least a plurality of flexible members configured for moving between outward and inward positions for engaging and retaining said stub in said receiving portion in a releasable engagement, said flexible members including, engaging portions for moving between said inward and outward positions, and ~~including~~ ends, said ends in communication with said engaging portions, said ends configured such that pressure thereon moves said engaging portions to said outward positions, allowing for at least the disengagement of said blade from said stub.

10. (Previously Amended). The blade assembly of claim 9, wherein said shaft, stub, blade and receiver are configured to be in coaxial alignment, such that said blade is balanced upon rotation.

11. (Previously Amended). The blade assembly of claim 10, wherein said stub includes an outer surface and said receiving portion includes an inner surface, said outer and said inner surfaces correspondingly configured with respect to each other for allowing a sufficient but minimal amount of rotational play for said blade.

12. (Previously Amended). A lawnmower blade comprising:

a blade body, said blade body including oppositely disposed cutting portions and a platform intermediate said oppositely disposed cutting portions; and

a receiver, said receiver coupled to said platform in a substantially coaxial alignment, said receiver including flexible members for moving between outward and inward positions for receiving and retaining at least a portion of a rotatable member in communication with a motor in a releasable engagement, said flexible members including first portions configured for moving between said outward and inward positions and second portions, in communication with said first portions, said second portions configured such that pressure thereon moves said first portions to said outward position, said receiver configured for receiving and retaining at least a portion of the rotatable member in a substantially coaxial alignment therewith, such that said lawnmower blade is balanced upon rotation.

13. (Previously Amended). The lawnmower blade of claim 12, wherein said first portions of said flexible members include bodies configured for spring-like behavior.